



1FW

**PATENT  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Ravi R. Vedula et al.

**CUSTOMER NO.: 37535**

Serial No.: 10/813,218

Docket No.: 203ES007A

Filed: March 30, 2004

Art Unit: 1712

Examiner:

For: MELT SPUN TPU FIBERS AND PROCESS

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence (including any paper or fee referred to herein) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, on

11/5/04  
Date of Deposit

Cathy Bartel  
Cathy Bartel

**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following document(s) related to the above-identified application:

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement  
Form PTO-1449 and References Cited  
Return Receipt Card

No additional fee is required.

Charge any additional fees except issue fee or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1501. **A DUPLICATE OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joe A. Powell  
Joe A. Powell  
Reg. No. 28,108

Noveon IP Holdings Corp.  
9911 Brecksville Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44141-3247  
(216) 447-5716

Date: Nov. 5, 2004  
203ES007Att3.doc



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Ravi R. Vedula et al.

**CUSTOMER NO: 37535**

Serial No.: 10/813,218

Docket No.: 203ES007A

Filed: March 30, 2004

Group Art Unit No.: 1712

Examiner:

For: MELT SPUN TPU FIBERS AND PROCESS

**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, on

Date of Deposit: 11/5/04

Cathy Bartel  
Cathy Bartel

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement together with Form 1449, incorporated herein by reference, to bring to the Examiner's attention the references listed herein.

**Foreign Publications/Patents**

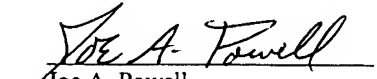
<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication/Patent No.</u>	<u>Publication/Issue Date</u>
Europe	0 972 864 A1	January 19, 2000
PCT	WO 02/068534 A1	September 6, 2002

The references listed herein were recently cited in a European Search Report for a corresponding PCT application and brought to Applicants attention within the last three months. It is respectfully requested that the foregoing information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned with an indication that such information has been considered. Applicants believe that no fee is due.

Docket No. 203ES007A  
Serial No. 10/813,218  
November 3, 2004  
Page 2

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1501 for any fee due herewith. A duplicate of the transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Joe A. Powell  
Attorney for Applicants  
Reg. No. 28,108

Noveon IP Holdings Corp.  
9911 Brecksville Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44141-3247  
(216) 447-5716

Date: Nov. 5, 2004  
203ES007ASuplIDS.doc



FORM PTO-1449 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

(Rev. 2-32)

PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Sheet 1 Of 1

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use several sheets if necessary)

ATTY. DOCKET NO. 203ES007A	SERIAL NO. 10 / 813,218
FIRST NAMED INVENTOR Ravi R. Vedula et al.	EXAMINER NAME
FILING DATE March 30, 2004	GROUP 1712

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>3</sup>
		Country Code <sup>4</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
		EP 0 972 864 A1	01/19/2000	Nisshinbo Industries, Inc.	p. 12-13; Ex. 5-7; p. 6, line 51 - line 54	
		WO 92/068534 A1	09/06/2002	Noveon IP Holdings Corp.	p. 5, line 7 - line 10; p. 7, line 14 - line 21; p. 8; table I	

**NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, cit and/or country where published.	T <sup>6</sup>

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
-----------------------	--------------------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup>Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup>See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.